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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 23, delete the paragraph bridging pages 23-25, and insert the following paragraph therefor:

--The invention described in claim 10 is a visual device comprising array operation units arranged in the shape of a lattice in a data processing device that realizes means for normalizing object areas, wherein each of the array operation units comprises: means for initializing the array operation unit; means for finishing processing if there is not an object-area image or a digital image to input any more; means for inputting a band-pixel value in the object-area image and each of band-pixel values in the digital image; means for